

REMARKS

I. Introduction

Claims 1-64 are pending in this application.

Claims 1-14, 16, 18-31, 33, 35-46, 48, 50-61, and 63 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,016,141.

Claims 15, 17, 32, 34, 47, 49, 62, and 64 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected based claim.

The Examiner's rejections should be withdrawn in view of the following remarks.

II. The Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 1-14, 16, 18-31, 33, 35-46, 48, 50-61, and 63 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,016,141.

Applicants are submitting herewith a Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(c) to obviate the double patenting rejection. A check in the amount of \$110.00 in payment of the disclaimer fee set forth in 37 C.F.R.

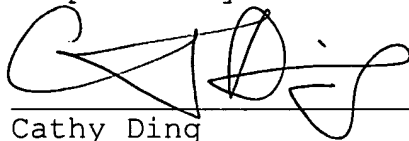
\$ 1.20(d) is enclosed. The double patenting rejection should therefore be withdrawn.

Claims 15, 17, 32, 34, 47, 49, 62, and 64 depend from claims 1, 18, 35, and 50 and are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected based claim. The objections to these claims should also be withdrawn in view of the above-mentioned Terminal Disclaimer.

III. Conclusion

The foregoing demonstrates that claims 1-64 are patentable. This application is therefore in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are accordingly respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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